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LANZAROTE CONVENTION

Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

Comments on the replies to the thematic questionnaire

CROATIA

CENTRE FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

2nd thematic monitoring round

“The protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs)”

Replies registered by the Secretariat on 31 January 2018

Question 7. Cooperation with civil society

Paragraph 5

“The Centre for Missing and Exploited Children is carrying out a number of activities aimed at protecting children from dangers when using a computer, especially protecting children from sexual abuse and sexual exploitation on the internet and from sharing pornography. The association is the rights holder of the number 116 000 - the national number for missing children which works with the aim of promoting, protecting and improving children’s rights and preventing and fighting against all types of violence against children and youth. Centre initiated signing of Partnership agreement with Ministry of Interior on a national level in November 2017.”

While Centre implements a wide scope of activities and services on a national level, in order to protect and promote children’s rights such as education for children, youth, parents, experts; professional development program, development of innovative tools and materials for children, youth and parents, we found it very important to have a Partnership agreement with Ministry of Interior. Since we work with different target group, on very sensitive topic and that our main goal is to protect children and youth, it is necessary to ensure interdisciplinary approach and cooperation with relevant stakeholders on national level. Thus, we think it is crucial to improve and ensure formal and strong cooperation between organisation of civil society and relevant stakeholder on national level.